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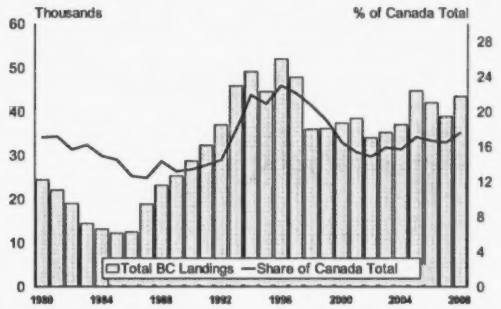
Immigration Highlights ◆ Fourth Quarter 2008

B.C. immigrant landings in the fourth quarter of 2008 edged down when compared to same period last year ...

During the fourth quarter of 2008, 9,205 immigrants arrived in British Columbia, down 0.9% compared with the same period last year. According to Statistics Canada, B.C.'s share of total immigrant landings to Canada increased marginally. During the fourth quarter of 2008, 17.2 per cent of all immigrants to Canada landed in B.C., 0.5 percentage points more than in the same period of 2007.

B.C. Immigration and Share of Canada Total



Source: Statistics Canada

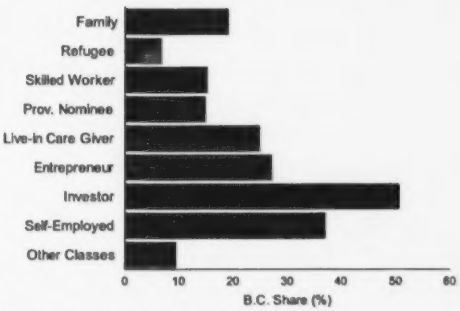
Compared to the fourth quarter in 2007, the total number of immigrant arrivals to Canada dropped (-3.6%). Statistics Canada recorded a total of 53,549 new landed immigrants in Canada during the fourth quarter of 2008.

British Columbia continued to hold its position as one of the top three immigrant destinations in the fourth quarter. According to Statistics Canada, B.C. received the third highest level of new landed immigrants after Ontario (23,777) and Quebec (9,905).

Family-class immigrants accounted for the largest share of total landings in the fourth quarter...

Data from Citizenship and Immigration Canada (CIC) showed that the immigrants categorized in the family class accounted for the largest share of landings in B.C. during the fourth quarter of 2008, closely followed by skilled workers. During this quarter, 3,482 new family-class immigrants landed in the province. Compared with landings in the fourth quarter of 2007, the number of immigrants in the family class landed in B.C. increased a significant 25.0%, while B.C. received significantly fewer skilled workers (-28.4%).

B.C. Share of Immigrants to Canada By Class
2007



Source: Citizenship and Immigration Canada

Asian countries remain the leading source of B.C. Landed Immigrants...

The top three source countries for immigrants to B.C. are all in Asia. India replaced China as the top source country of immigrants to British Columbia, representing 18.0 per cent of the B.C. total. Immigrants from China accounted for 17.8 per cent of the total. Landings from the Philippines continued to be the leading source country (84.7%), for the live-in caregiver class. Other countries such as the U.S. (5.7%), England (4.6%) and South Korea (3.7%) each contributed a significant number of immigrants to B.C.

The Greater Vancouver area continued to be the top intended destination for B.C. Landed Immigrants ...

More than 88 per cent of total landed immigrants to B.C. who arrived in the fourth quarter of 2008 stated the Vancouver area as their intended destination. About 94 per cent of all landed immigrants from Asia indicated the Vancouver area as their intended destination. Relative to Asian immigrants, a considerably higher proportion of immigrants arriving from Australasia, Europe and Caribbean settled outside the Greater Vancouver area.

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Jan 2003	*Mother Tongue and Home Language*

B.C. Immigration by Area of Last Permanent Residence
October to December, 2008
Total Landings: 9,205 Persons

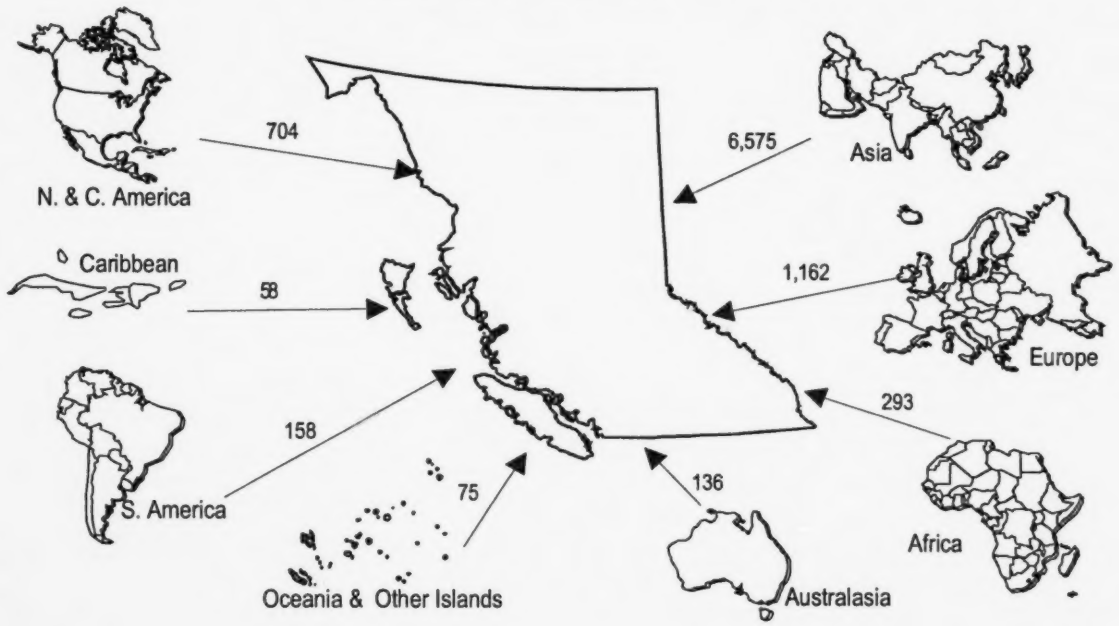

Table 1: Immigrant Landings to B.C. and Canada - October to December, 2008

SOURCE	Vancouver Area	Rest of B.C. *	Total B.C.
Europe	813	349	1,162
Africa	262	31	293
Asia	6,179	396	6,575
China-Mainland	1,579	57	1,636
India	1,554	90	1,644
Taiwan	256	-	259
Hong Kong	101	-	102
Australasia	92	44	136
N & C America	513	191	704
U.S.A.	353	171	524
Caribbean	41	17	58
South America	141	17	158
Oceania	72	-	75
Not Stated	20	24	44
All Areas	**8,133**	**1,072**	**9,205**

** "Rest of B.C." also includes immigrants with unknown destination. Many might have been destined for Vancouver Area.*

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Table 2: Immigrant Landings by Class

- British Columbia -

Year / Quarter	Family	Refugee	Economic Classes						Other Classes	Grand Total
			Skilled Worker	Prov./Terr. Nominee	Live-In Caregiver	Entrepreneur	Investor	Self Employed		
1992	15,149	2,995	7,280	-	-	3,971	4,532	480	2,605	37,012
1993	18,460	1,492	10,446	-	192	4,074	6,867	677	3,735	45,943
1994	17,517	1,544	14,149	-	869	4,183	6,291	744	3,819	49,116
1995	15,309	1,875	18,438	-	1,176	3,508	3,037	956	278	44,577
1996	14,285	2,274	24,180	-	1,160	4,236	3,447	1,564	877	52,023
1997	12,918	1,996	24,730	-	874	3,337	2,259	1,250	482	47,846
1998	11,083	2,041	16,998	-	1,275	1,918	1,608	746	306	35,975
1999	10,989	1,896	17,736	11	1,338	1,863	1,520	659	111	36,123
2000	10,975	2,574	18,934	13	1,070	1,775	1,387	632	68	37,428
2001	11,824	2,199	19,769	24	880	1,619	1,696	444	27	38,482
2002	11,405	2,106	15,610	209	504	1,192	1,951	526	554	34,057
2003	11,571	1,827	16,234	441	758	914	1,760	338	1,386	35,229
2004	10,869	2,367	17,093	598	1,083	695	3,221	246	856	37,028
2005	11,723	2,159	21,811	789	1,080	872	5,359	289	689	44,771
2006	13,460	1,891	16,688	1,924	1,528	871	4,407	322	993	42,084
2007	12,612	1,883	14,794	2,522	1,519	585	3,763	213	1,071	38,962
4Q2007	2,786	523	3,487	784	489	102	781	35	302	9,289
4Q2008	3,482	489	2,497	734	783	74	763	40	343	9,205

- Canada -

Year / Quarter	Family	Refugee	Economic Classes						Other Classes	Grand Total
			Skilled Worker	Prov./Terr. Nominee	Live-In Caregiver	Entrepreneur	Investor	Self Employed		
1992	101,122	52,349	67,415	-	-	15,873	9,694	2,821	5,544	254,818
1993	112,667	30,623	69,924	-	3,013	16,711	12,625	3,390	7,751	256,704
1994	94,195	20,436	69,906	-	4,980	14,200	10,481	2,745	7,454	224,397
1995	77,387	28,093	81,732	-	5,457	11,429	5,160	2,854	761	212,873
1996	68,359	28,478	97,916	233	4,759	11,911	6,176	4,376	3,865	226,073
1997	59,979	24,308	105,648	47	2,730	10,404	5,595	3,927	3,400	216,038
1998	50,896	22,843	81,267	-	2,868	6,611	4,541	2,625	2,547	174,198
1999	55,276	24,397	92,494	477	3,261	6,154	4,265	2,599	1,031	189,954
2000	60,616	30,092	118,591	1,252	2,782	6,187	4,951	2,527	460	227,458
2001	66,795	27,919	137,234	1,274	2,625	6,090	6,340	2,156	206	250,639
2002	62,290	25,116	122,730	2,127	1,985	4,478	4,636	1,907	3,780	229,049
2003	65,112	25,984	105,224	4,418	3,304	2,978	3,696	1,427	9,205	221,348
2004	62,261	32,687	113,451	6,248	4,292	2,468	6,099	1,190	7,128	235,824
2005	63,361	35,776	130,238	8,047	4,552	2,850	9,613	1,014	6,790	262,241
2006	70,508	32,499	105,945	13,336	6,895	3,098	8,028	952	10,382	251,643
2007	66,232	27,955	97,852	17,094	6,117	2,160	7,446	576	11,322	236,754
4Q2007	15,506	6,866	22,583	3,970	1,797	442	1,503	97	2,809	55,573
4Q2008										53,549 *

British Columbia as a Percent of Canada

Year / Quarter	Family	Refugee	Economic Classes						Other Classes	Grand Total
			Skilled Worker	Prov./Terr. Nominee	Live-In Caregiver	Entrepreneur	Investor	Self Employed		
1992	15.0%	5.7%	10.8%	-	-	25.0%	46.8%	17.0%	47.0%	14.5%
1993	16.4%	4.9%	14.9%	-	6.4%	24.4%	54.4%	20.0%	48.2%	17.9%
1994	18.6%	7.6%	20.2%	-	17.4%	29.5%	60.0%	27.1%	51.2%	21.9%
1995	19.8%	6.7%	22.6%	-	21.6%	30.7%	58.9%	33.5%	36.5%	20.9%
1996	20.9%	8.0%	24.7%	-	24.4%	35.6%	55.8%	35.7%	22.7%	23.0%
1997	21.5%	8.2%	23.4%	-	32.0%	32.1%	40.4%	31.8%	14.2%	22.1%
1998	21.8%	8.9%	20.9%	-	44.5%	29.0%	35.4%	28.4%	12.0%	20.7%
1999	19.9%	7.8%	19.2%	-	41.0%	30.3%	35.6%	25.4%	10.8%	19.0%
2000	18.1%	8.6%	16.0%	1.0%	38.5%	28.7%	28.0%	25.0%	14.8%	16.5%
2001	17.7%	7.9%	14.4%	1.9%	33.5%	26.6%	26.8%	20.6%	13.1%	15.4%
2002	18.3%	8.4%	12.7%	9.8%	25.4%	26.6%	42.1%	27.6%	14.7%	14.9%
2003	17.8%	7.0%	15.4%	10.0%	22.9%	30.7%	47.6%	23.7%	15.1%	15.9%
2004	17.5%	7.2%	15.1%	9.6%	25.2%	28.2%	52.8%	20.7%	12.0%	15.7%
2005	18.5%	6.0%	16.7%	9.8%	23.7%	30.6%	55.7%	28.5%	10.1%	17.1%
2006	19.1%	5.8%	15.8%	14.4%	22.2%	28.1%	54.9%	33.8%	9.6%	16.7%
2007	19.0%	6.7%	15.1%	14.8%	24.8%	27.1%	50.5%	37.0%	9.5%	16.5%
4Q2007	18.0%	7.6%	15.4%	19.7%	27.2%	23.1%	52.0%	36.1%	10.8%	16.7%
4Q2008										17.2%*

Important Note: Due to the changes in the classifications of immigrants, some numbers reported in this release are not compatible with those in previous releases.

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Immigration by Destination by Class - 2007

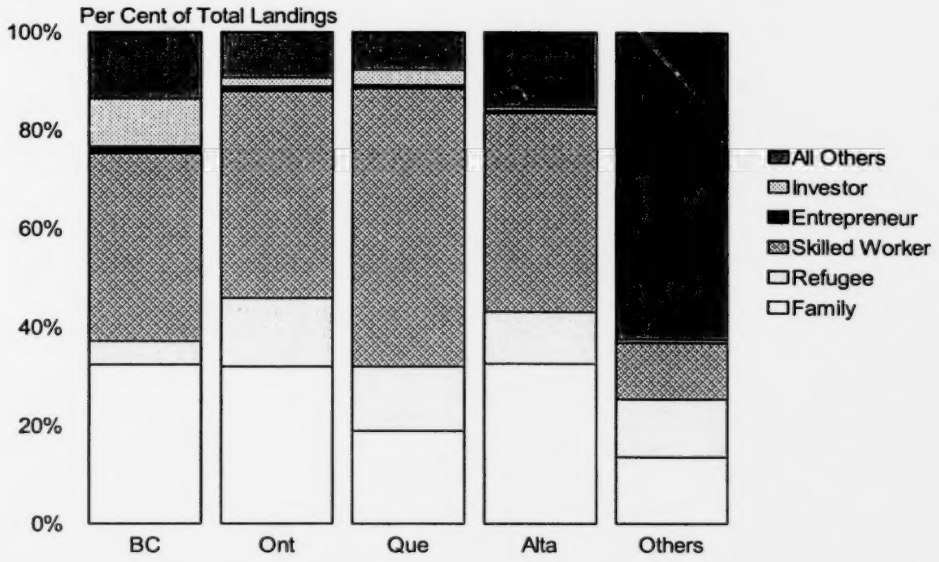

Table 3: Immigrant Landings by Province by Class

Year / Quarter	Family	Refugee	Economic Classes						Other Classes	Grand Total
			Skilled Worker	Prov./Terr. Nominee	Live-In Caregiver	Entrepreneur	Investor	Self Employed		
2007										
NFLD	110	173	173	67	-	-	-	-	22	**546**
P.E.I.	52	83	37	815	-	-	-	-	5	**992**
N.S.	436	180	752	900	8	19	105	6	117	**2,523**
N.B.	256	174	223	921	22	-	5	-	42	**1,643**
Que	8,524	5,934	25,546	9	620	291	1,444	116	2,717	**45,201**
Ont	35,534	15,511	46,775	679	2,923	1,143	1,955	202	6,581	**111,303**
Man	1,320	1,170	559	7,687	61	-	7	13	136	**10,954**
Sask	514	617	462	1,837	26	6	13	-	39	**3,516**
Alta	6,790	2,216	8,415	1,653	917	115	153	23	579	**20,861**
B.C.	12,612	1,883	14,794	2,522	1,519	585	3,763	213	1,071	**38,962**
Territories	79	9	48	-	19	-	-	-	11	**170**
Not Stated	6	5	68	-	-	-	-	-	-	**83**
Canada	**66,233**	**27,955**	**97,852**	**17,094**	**6,117**	**2,160**	**7,445**	**576**	**11,322**	**236,754**
2008 Fourth Quarter										
B.C.	3,482	489	2,497	734	783	74	763	40	343	**9,205**

Data Source: Citizenship and Immigration Canada

2008 Fourth Quarter

NFLD	181
P.E.I.	206
N.S.	480
N.B.	333
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Ont	23,777
Man	2,617
Sask	1,308
Alta	5,207
B.C.	9,464
Territories	71
Canada	**53,549**

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B.C. Immigration by Top 10 Source by Class
October to December, 2009

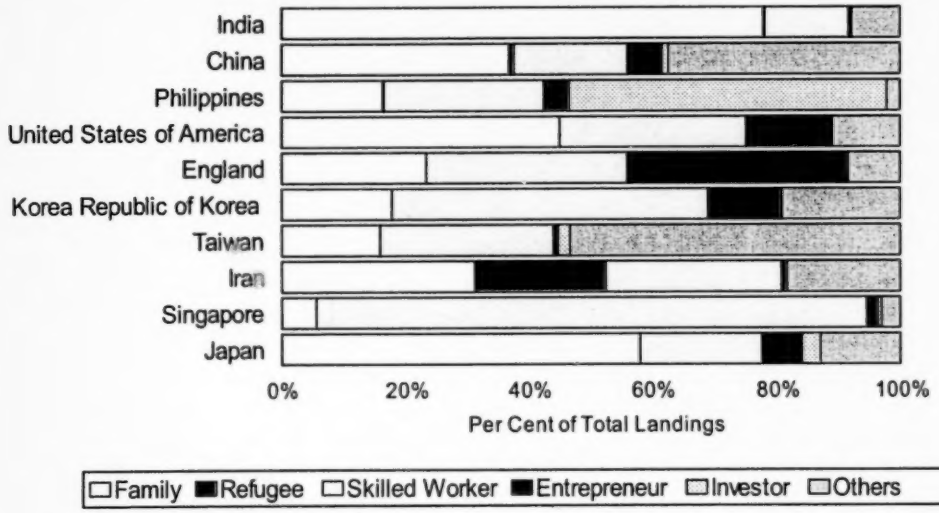

Table 4: B.C. Immigrant Landings by Source By Class, October - December, 2008

			Economic Classes							
	Family	Refugee	Skilled Worker	Prov./Terr. Nominee	Live-In Caregiver	Entrepreneur	Investor	Self Employed	Other Classes	Grand Total
World Area										
Europe	311	8	442	317	15	-	14	-	57	1,166
Africa	53	163	49	20	-	-	-	-	7	293
Asia	2,623	260	1,664	262	759	73	744	33	170	6,588
Australasia	51	-	57	23	-	-	-	-	5	137
N&C America	292	37	201	88	-	-	-	5	78	707
Caribbean	34	-	7	6	-	-	-	-	10	59
S. America	61	14	51	16	5	-	-	-	12	159
Oceania & Isl.	46	6	18	-	-	-	-	-	-	76
Stateless	11	-	8	-	-	-	-	-	-	20
Top 20 Source Countries										
India	1,287	-	224	34	61	5	-	-	32	1,653
China	602	13	302	92	16	21	545	6	40	1,637
Philippines	211	-	337	55	663	-	8	-	21	1,297
U.S.A.	237	-	158	73	-	-	-	5	50	526
England	99	-	139	150	-	-	9	-	27	425
South Korea	61	-	176	40	-	16	35	-	15	344
Taiwan	41	-	73	-	5	-	100	22	12	259
Iran	73	50	66	-	-	22	10	-	11	234
Singapore	9	-	145	-	-	-	-	-	-	163
Japan	80	-	27	9	-	-	13	-	5	138
Mexico	35	26	40	12	-	-	-	-	19	135
Germany	32	-	26	66	-	-	-	-	-	126
Iraq	12	100	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	113
Hong Kong	49	-	22	-	-	-	20	-	9	102
Russia	26	-	57	-	-	-	-	-	-	92
Australia	36	-	34	15	-	-	-	-	-	87
Vietnam	49	8	10	-	-	-	-	-	-	70
Fiji	44	-	16	-	-	-	-	-	-	65
Pakistan	38	-	19	-	-	-	-	-	-	64
The Netherlands	7	-	30	16	-	-	-	-	-	57
Others	454	283	595	162	23	5	10	-	83	1,618
Total	**3,482**	**489**	**2,497**	**734**	**783**	**74**	**763**	**40**	**343**	**9,205**

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GLOSSARY

Business Immigrants-Immigrants in the Entrepreneur, Investor, or Self-employed Class.

Economic Immigrants-Immigrants admitted under the Skilled Worker Class, Live-In Caregiver Program, and in the business classes.

Entrepreneur Class-Includes those persons (and dependents) who intend to establish or purchase a substantial interest in a business in Canada creating or maintaining employment for more than one Canadian citizen.

Family Class-Includes spouses, fiancés, dependent children, and parents or grandparents sponsored by a Canadian citizen.

Investor Class-Includes those persons (and dependents) with a proven track record and substantial net worth who are willing to make a large investment for at least three years in specified activities that will contribute to the creation or continuation of employment opportunities in Canada.

Landed Immigrants-Immigrants who are granted permanent resident status in Canada, and who have actually entered Canada.

Other Classes-Include immigrants in the Retired Class (no longer exist), Deferred Removal Order Class, permit holders applying for permanent residence in Canada, and persons admitted under humanitarian/compassionate grounds, as well as persons admitted under certain public policy related to the Immigration and Refugee Protection Act.

Provincial/Territorial Nominees-persons who are selected and nominated by the provincial or territorial governments as immigrants. They are mainly skilled workers admitted to fill critical labour shortage in the province/territories.

Refugees-persons who meet the definition specified by the United Nation Refugee Convention. These include both government and privately sponsored refugees, Asylum refugees, and dependants abroad of refugees

Self Employed Class-Includes those persons (and dependents) who intend to establish a business in Canada that will employ him/herself, and will make a significant contribution to the economy.

For further information on the specific class of immigrants described here, please visit the Citizenship and Immigration Canada website at www.cic.gc.ca